

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-22 and 24-46 are active. New Claims 27-44 find support in original Claim 1 and merely re-present limitations already present in independent Claim 14. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to cross-refer to related applications. Independent Claim 14 has been revised to encompass the subject matter of elected Group III (i.e., where W = diazepam). Claim 22 has been amended for clarity as discussed with the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

The Applicants thank Examiner Coleman for the helpful and courteous discussion of October 8, 2003. Revisions to the claim set that would direct it to elected subject matter and address the indefiniteness rejections were discussed. The Applicants believe the above amendments address these remaining issues. However, should other minor amendments be required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that such may be made by Examiner's Amendment. Favorable consideration is now requested.

Rejection—Improper Markush Group

Claims 14-26 were rejected as being directed to an improper Markush Group. This rejection/objection is moot in view of the revision of the claim set to be directed to the subject matter of elected Group III.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 14-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These rejections are moot in view of the amendment of the claims.

Priority

As suggested by the Examiner, page 1 of the specification has been amended to cross-reference related/priority applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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